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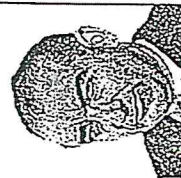
Source A: Joseph McCarthy . Speech to the Ohio County Women's Republican Club. February 9, 1950

Six years ago[. . .] there was within the Soviet orbit 180,000,000 people. Lined up on the antitotalitarian side there were in the world at that time roughly 1,625,000,000 people. Today, only 6 years later, there are 800,000,000 people under the absolute domination of Soviet Russia, an increase of over 400 percent. On our side, the figure has shrunk to around 500,000,000. In other words, in less than 6 years the odds have changed from 9 to 1 in our favor to 8 to 5 against us. This indicates the swiftness of the tempo of Communist victories and American defeats in the cold war. As one of our outstanding historical figures once said, "When a great democracy is destroyed, it will not be because of enemies from without, but rather because of enemies from within."

The reason why we find ourselves in a position of impotency (powerlessness) is not because our only powerful potential enemy has sent men to invade our shores, but rather because of the traitorous actions of those who have been treated so well by this Nation. [. . .] I have in my hand 57 cases of individuals who would appear to be either card carrying members or certainly loyal to the Communist Party, but who nevertheless are still helping to shape our foreign policy.

1. What case is Senator McCarthy making about Communists in government?

2. What does he mean by being destroyed from within?



Source B: Richard Nixon (R-CA), address to 81st Congress January 26, 1950

The great lesson which should be learned from the Hiss case is that we are not just dealing with espionage agents who get 30 pieces of silver to obtain the blueprint of a new weapon [. . .] but his is a far more sinister type of activity, because it permits the enemy to guide and shape our policy

3. How does this document compare with SOURCE 1?

4. 30 pieces of silver was the price for which Judas betrayed Jesus, according to an account in the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament? What connection is Nixon trying to make? Does it apply here?

Source D: Senate Censure of Senator McCarthy. December 2, 1954

Resolved, That the Senator from Wisconsin, Mr. McCarthy, failed to cooperate with the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration in clearing up matters referred to that subcommittee which concerned his conduct as a Senator and affected the honor of the Senate and, instead, repeatedly abused the subcommittee and its members who were trying to carry out assigned duties, thereby obstructing the constitutional processes of the Senate, and that this conduct of the Senator from Wisconsin, Mr. McCarthy, is contrary to senatorial traditions and is hereby condemned

7. Why was McCarthy censured?

8. How might this document relate to SOURCE 1?

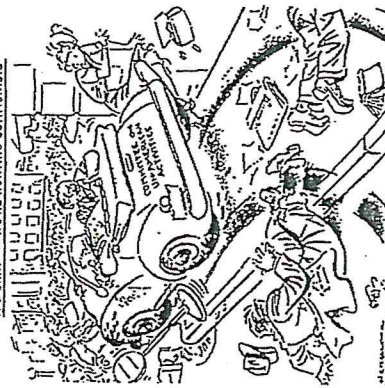
Source C: President Harry S Truman (D). Response to McCarthy. Interview March 30, 1950

In 1947 I instituted a loyalty program for Government employees, and that loyalty procedure program was set up in such a way that the rights of individuals were respected. In a survey of the 2,200,000 employees at that time, I think there were some 205—something like that—who left the service. I don't know—a great many of them left of their own accord. An infinitesimal (tiny) part of 1 percent. We will get the figures for you. The Republicans have been trying vainly to find an issue on which to make a bid for the control of the Congress for next year. They tried "statism." They tried "welfare state." They tried "socialism." And there are a certain number of members of the Republican Party who are trying to dig up that old malodorous (foul) dead horse called "isolationism." And in order to do that, they are perfectly willing to sabotage the bipartisan foreign policy of the United States. And this fiasco (disaster) which has been going on in the Senate is the very best asset that the Kremlin could have in the operation of the cold war. And that is what I mean when I say that McCarthy's antics are the best asset that the Kremlin can have.

6. What does Truman mean that "McCarthy's antics are the best asset that the Kremlin can have"?

Source E: Herb Block. October 31, 1947

"IT'S OKAY ... WE'RE HUNTING COMMUNISTS"



11. What is the cartoonist's opinion of the HUAC hearings

12. How does this cartoon relate to McCarthy's activities?